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Please amend the above application as follows:

Explanation of Amendments: Application submitted included definitional errors. The terms "lateral," or derivative thereof, and "longitude," or derivative thereof, were transposed or used in a definitional sense where the other term was intended. The original drawings reflect the application as amended.

Also, specifications and claims applicable to figures 21 and 22 are amended to agree with the drawings. The original drawings reflect the application as amended.

SPECIFICATION

[0044] Figure 10 shows a top side view of tracks comprising the design of a figure eight lying on its side <u>longitudinally</u> [laterally] intersected at its center by a column of straight tracks using an octagon shaped distinct end coupler.

[0045] Figure 11 shows a topside view of tracks comprising the design of a figure eight lying on its side <u>longitudinally</u> [laterally] and <u>laterally</u> [longitudinally] intersected at its center by a column and a row of straight tracks using an octagon shaped distinct end coupler.

[0057] Figure 21 shows a topside view of tracks comprising the design of <u>two</u> [a] <u>non-</u>contiguous sets of connected arced and curved tracks each in the shape of a horseshoe